

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Preliminary to the first Office Action, the applicants have cancelled Claims 9 and 23-32 without prejudice. Therefore, Claims 1-8 and 10-22 remain pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the HDAC inhibitor is selected from the Markush group consisting of Apicidin, Trichostatin A, sodium butyrate, SAHA, and MS27-275. The Markush group had been recited in cancelled Claim 9.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend solely from Claim 1.

Claim 13 has been amended to recite that the HDAC inhibitor is selected from the Markush group consisting of Apicidin, Trichostatin A, sodium butyrate, SAHA, and MS27-275. The Markush group had been recited in currently amended Claim 14.

Claim 14 has been amended to refer to the HDAC inhibitor selected from the Markush group that is now recited in currently amended Claim 13.

Claims 15, 16, and 20 have been amended to depend solely from Claim 13.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite that the HDAC inhibitor is selected from the Markush group consisting of Apicidin, Trichostatin A, sodium butyrate, SAHA, and MS27-275. The Markush group had been recited in currently amended Claim 22.

Claim 22 has been amended to refer to the HDAC inhibitor selected from the Markush group that is now recited in currently amended Claim 21.

The applicants have also amended the specification on page one to include a statement that priority is claimed to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014159 filed 10 December 2004 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/530,540 filed 18 December 2003.

Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments for prosecution in this application.

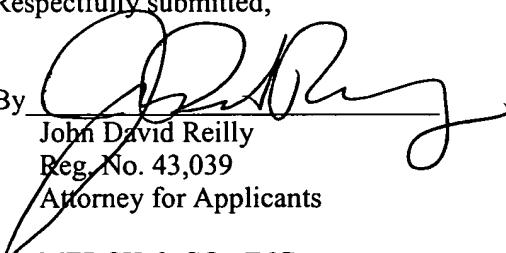
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CONDITIONAL PETITION

Applicants hereby make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect in connection with this filing, or any defect remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 13-2755 for the petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Conditional Petition.

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